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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Catamount Metropolitan District

Project No. 14368-000 - CO

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a small hydropower project exemption for the Catamount Hydroelectric Project, to be located at the existing Catamount dam and Lake Catamount in Routt County, near the City of Steamboat Springs, in the state of Colorado, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyzed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and concludes that issuing an exemption for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 14368-000 to all comments.

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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